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Budget Office preliminary report projects surplus for FY2011

The preliminary report from the Budget Office that was submitted to members of the House Budget and Appropriations committee last week states that the American Samoa Government should have a surplus of \$146,442 when the current fiscal year wraps up.

According to the report, a large amount of money is being saved in personnel costs, as a result of the mandatory cut in working

hours for government employees of the executive branch. A total of \$57.1 million was approved for the whole year but as of March 25, only \$24.9 million has been spent. Personnel costs is reduced by \$7.2 million for the year, the report states.

Another \$8.3 million is being saved in contractual services which was budgeted for \$13.2 million for the year but should only expend about \$4.9 million.

The "All Others" section of the report however shows a \$10.2 million projected overrun for that particular category, for which \$3.7 million was approved in the current budget. As of March 25, the spending has nearly doubled that amount at \$6.9 million. For the whole year, the amount of expenses in the "All Others" budget would be close to \$14 million.

Governor declares two government holidays for this month

Governor Togiola Tulafono has declared Friday, April 15 as the day to observe Flag Day in American Samoa. This year's Flag Day celebrations will be low key due to the government's current financial crisis. The usual entertainment groups from neighboring Samoa will not be performing this year.

The event is set for Saturday, April 16 at Malaeoletalu in Fagatogo. The highlight of this year's

celebration will be the annual fautasi race which take place following the flag raising ceremony.

This year's guest speaker is DOI Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Anthony Babauta who has been invited to inform local residents about what the Interior Department has planned for American Samoa for the next decade.

On that day, the Dawn Princess cruise ship will call

in to port and bring with her 1,500 tourists who will have the opportunity to witness the annual Flag Day ceremony.

The second holiday is Good Friday which will be observed on April 22.

During both holidays, all government offices will be closed and employees required to work on those days will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Territory

Governor Togiola Tulafono has proclaimed the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in American Samoa, and he urges everyone to support the anti-sexual violence organizations, advocates, and service providers in their efforts to bring awareness that community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence and to protect our children and young people from harm.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of American Samoa. According to the proclamation, "rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as

seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college."

That is why "We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors."

Staff, volunteers, and supporters of anti-violence programs in the territory encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small.

"With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in our island community through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators

who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions," the proclamation states.

The government of American Samoa strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and territorial partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

Governor Togiola commends the dedicated parents, service providers, and all concerned individuals who lead by example, in assisting the territory's children.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all alcoholic beverage licensees

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ***will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.***

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

"No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21."

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

**For additional information, feel free to contact the
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program at 633-1582.**

New ASCC Business Club Hosts High Schools

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer



The Business Ambassadors of ASCC (BAOA), seen here with their advisors from the Business faculty, are a new club designed to promote networking between the ASCC learning community and the business sector. BAOA will be hosting other business clubs from the public and private high schools during visits to the ASCC campus throughout the month of April. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

Twenty four members of the Leone High School Business Club enjoyed a field trip to the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) last week as guests of the newly-formed Business Ambassadors of ASCC (BAOA). As the College Business Club hosted their high school equivalent, the Leone visitors and their advisor Loleni Tasi spent several hours “shadowing” the ASCC students from one Business class to another, also participating in group presentations and testimonials to round out the morning. “We want to aid business-minded high schools students in their transition to college,” said BAOA President Katie Leilua. “By shadowing our club members, our Leone guests gained an understanding of what gets taught in college-level business classes.”

Leilua explained that BAOA has extended the invitation to other public and private high school business clubs, and that they hope to bring as many as possible to the

College before the end of April, as this activity aligns with the civic responsibility that is one of the club’s stated goals. With their official launch having taken place just this past month, BAOA grew out of a shared wish among the ASCC Business faculty and students for a club focusing on business. The diversified organization comprises 45 registered members and accepts both Business majors and students majoring in other areas.

“We want to build a network for college students,” said Leilua when asked to describe the primary goal of BAOA. “We offer training and experience for members to transform from a student to an employee by applying the concepts taught in business courses to the real world workplace. Networking with the business community transitions students’ learning from the classroom to the workplace. We encourage busi-

nesses to host students on practicum and internship activities related to their areas of concentration within the ASCC business program.” As a recent example of the BAOA approach, as part of an agreement between the Business Department and the ASG Tax Office, Accounting and Management students have been providing assistance during the busy tax-filing season, not only on site at the Tax Office, but also on the ASCC campus. “Through this kind of activity, students get practical experience while at the same time providing tax preparation assistance to our community,” said Leilua.

The BAOA President said she plans to attend a university to earn a BS in Marketing & Management and eventually open her own small business. Asked why young people in American Samoa should focus on business, Leilua offered a thoughtful analysis reflective of her personal interest in

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HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On April 6, 1942, the Utah Construction Company, with Marine Corps assistance, completed the first runway of the Tafuna Air Base. It was 2,500 feet long and 250 feet wide.

On April 7, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany, and the U.S. Navy seized the German ships *Staatssekretär Solf* and *Elsass*, which had enjoyed refuge in Pago Pago Harbor since August 6, 1914. There was no resistance.

On April 7, 1952, the American Samoa Government's annual payroll totaled \$807,704.78.

On April 7, 1952, the Classification and Pay Act for Samoan career employees in the American Samoa Government was revised and placed in operation. 41 additional classification titles were established and the grade levels of 5 classes were changed.

On April 8, 1973, James Wightman Davidson passed away in Papua New Guinea. After earning his Ph.D. at Cambridge University in 1942, Dr. Davidson edited the British Admiralty's four-volume *The Pacific Islands* geographical handbook, which was widely used by the Allied forces in World War II. In 1947, he was seconded to the Government of Western Samoa as a constitutional adviser, and in 1953 he founded the Department of Pacific History at the Australian National University in Canberra. "Pacific History," in Davidson's view, meant that the history of the Pacific Islands should be written from the viewpoint of the indigenous peoples, as well as the European colonizers. His best-known work is *Samoa mo Samoa: The Emergence of the Independent State of Western Samoa, 1900-1962*, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1967.

On April 9, 1872, the "chiefs and rulers of Samoa" signed a petition addressed to United States President Ulysses S. Grant "praying for the annexation of Samoa to the United States."

On April 10, 1919, the German silver money which was shipped to the DHPG's (*Deutsche Handels und Plantagens Gesellschaft* [German Commercial Agricultural Company's]) Pago Pago office on board the *Staatssekretär Solf* (State-Secretary Solf) on August 5, 1914 was discovered buried in the rear of the building formerly owned by the DHPG by the Sheriff of American Samoa, Lieutenant Commander L.W. Strum, USN. Most of the money, which was wrapped in canvas bags, and then enclosed in terra cotta drainpipes cemented together to form a triangle, was missing. The remaining coins were shipped to the Navy's Alien Property Custodian in Washington, D.C.

On April 10, 1934, Lieutenant Commander Thomas Calloway Latimore relieved Captain George Bertram Landenberger and became American Samoa's 22nd naval governor (acting: until April 17, 1934).

On April 11, 1904, the "first public school, Fagatogo" was opened in American Samoa, "with two teachers and 40 pupils, between the ages of 6 and 12. Mrs. Trevororrow, wife of Warrant Machinist Trevororrow, was the principal. The natives showed prejudice against a woman teacher for boys."

American Samoa Territorial Energy Office

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As of March 31, 2011

The State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Voucher Program has been put on hold until further notice.

For more information please contact our office at
699-1101

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Amata ile aso 31 o Mati 2011

Ua taofia nei le polokalama a lenei ofisa mo pepa fesoasoani, e fa'aitiitia ai tau o oloa Energy Star.

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American Samoa Government Department of Local Government OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS

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ASCC Business Club... *(continued from page 3)*

the subject and concern for the well-being of her community. "With the global economic downturn affecting us, our local young people need to get more involved with businesses and create opportunities for ourselves," she said. "Locals tend to seek government jobs, which leaves a vacuum in the business sector that's filled by people from overseas. We need to create businesses and jobs for ourselves in the private sector, instead of earning money from government that ends up being sent out of the territory. It's not healthy for the local economy when money sent in by the federal government just goes back out, instead of circulating here. That's why we do not have growth. The challenge for our young people is to study and work hard to take back the business sector by learning the bookkeeping and accounting skills, entrepreneurship and business management. Nothing comes easy, but hard work also means higher returns."

ASCC Business Department Chairperson Dr. Faofua Fa'atoafe and instructors Lam Yuen Lam Yuen Jr. and Athena Mauga serve as the BAOA advisors. Faia'i Vaeao is Vice President, Travis Shallout is Secretary, and Justin Tuiasosopo is Treasurer. For more information on the club, visit their web page at www.facebook.com/BAOA. They can also be reached by email at BAOA@amsamoa.edu or by telephoning 699-9155 and asking for extension 319.

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February 1 - May 31, 2011
Bring in your child to be immunized

Leone Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 688-7822

Fagaalu Health Center Schedule:

- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm
- Fridays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturday (TBA) call 633-4388/4389

Amouli Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 622-7456

Tafuna Family Health Center Schedule:

- Mondays 4pm - 6pm
- Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm call 699-6380

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699-8464 or 699-8465
American Samoa Immunization Program

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono

On: KSBS FM 92.1

Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.

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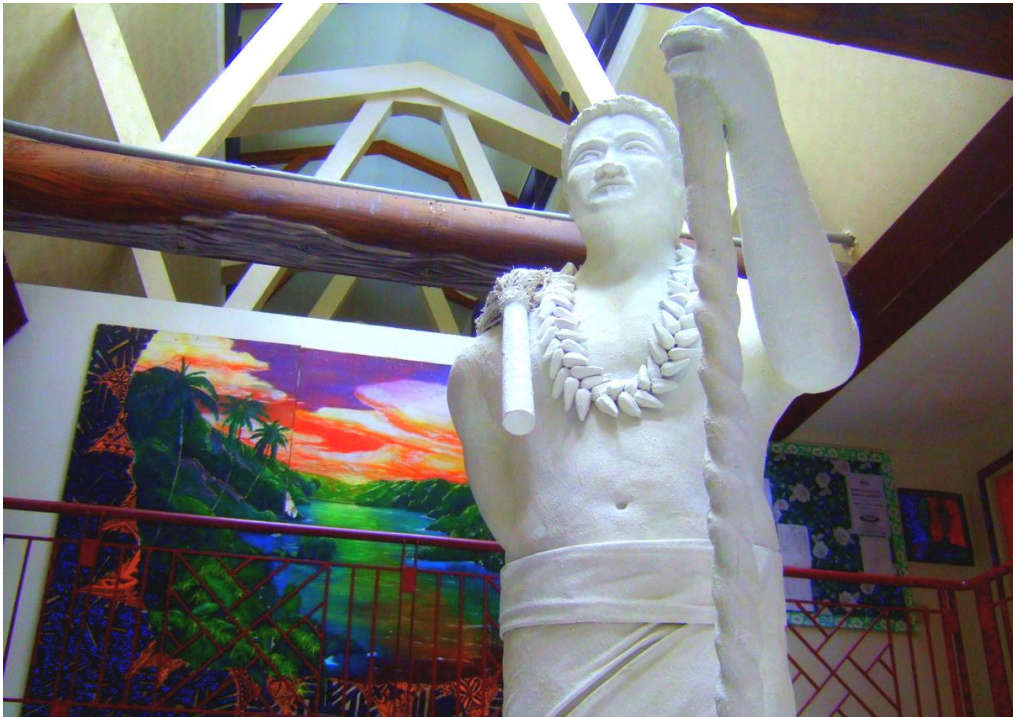
SSI Contributes Matai Statue to ASCC Campus

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Onlookers viewing a new piece of art on the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) campus have expressed reactions such as “absolutely stunning”, “beautiful and amazing”, and “very real, life-like, and handsome”. ASCC personnel have applied these accolades and more to an eight foot tall statue of the College’s Matai mascot recently installed in a space once used as a planter on the first floor of the Administration Building.

The ASCC Samoan Studies Institute (SSI) has contributed the work by its artist-in-residence Patrick Mafoe to the rest of the College. “The idea goes back several years, when President Dr. Seth Galea’i asked us if we had any ideas to fill that particular space,” recalled SSI Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila. “Just last year, we decided that a statue of the ASCC Matai mascot would be most appropriate, and the project has been ongoing ever since.” Mafoe estimated that the piece took him about three and a half months to finish from his worksite at home. “Our division did not have a big enough space for me to work on this piece here on campus,” he explained, “so I worked on it by myself in the evenings at my house. Plus, I originally wanted to make the statue 13 feet tall, but realized that this would cause installation problems.” Mafoe eventually settled on the more manageable dimensions of eight feet in height and three feet in width.

Instead of using bronze as found in typical statues, Mafoe discovered the more practical advantages of creating the piece using fiberglass. “When I studied in China as a visiting artist, I talked with many others in my field about how to use materials accessible to us. Fiberglass can not only stand the weather here better, but it also lasts for a long time and wasn’t so hard to find locally.” Mafoe’s director fully supported his choice of materials, as well as his decision not to color the statue. “Fiberglass gave the piece much more salient details,” said Fauolo-Manila. “As for the color, keeping it white will make it far easier to maintain, versus the



As seen from the side, the new ASCC Matai mascot statue towers over the lobby space of the Administration Building at the College. The statue, a contribution by the Samoan Studies Institute, is the work of artist-in-residence Patrick Mafoe, who worked for more than three months at creating it out of fiberglass. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

more expensive and time-consuming refurbishing that colored sculptures require.”

The choice of the ASCC Matai mascot as the subject of the statue, as well as its enlarged dimensions, means that the piece emanates a dramatic cultural presence. “It expresses who we are, what we are, where we’re from, and how it’s only here where you’ll find what a Samoan is,” explained Mafoe, who refers to the statue simply as “The Chief”. “It is who we are –Samoans”, said Fauolo-Manila, who calls the statue Anava a le Kolisi Tuufaataasi o Amerika Samoa – Matai. The College’s Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Irene Helsham recalled how ASCC originally adopted the Matai as its mascot in the 1980s. “A previous Student Government Association and the student body at the time made the decision,” she said, “and it makes me proud to see our mascot made the subject of an amazing piece of art. I’m also proud that the artist, Patrick Mafoe, is an ASCC alumnus.”

After its recent installation, the statue continues to create a stir on the ASCC campus, with numerous staff and students already having posted photos and descriptions of it on their Facebook and MySpace pages. Others perceive that the work’s power extends beyond its local cultural context. “It brings to mind the statuettes of worshippers from the Sumerian Civilization with its solemn stare and presence,” marveled Regina Meredith of the ASCC Art Department. For Fauolo-Manila, the statue simply represents “a goodwill endeavor to contribute to the overall aesthetic, cultural and historical perception embodied in the College.”

With a project of such magnitude now behind him, Mafoe will next apply his talents to the proposed Leone Healing Garden. “It’s a project to remember and honor all our loved ones lost in the 2009 Tsunami,” he explained.
